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## **Christmas Eve Candlelight Services Wednesday, December 24th 4:00, 4:30, 7:00 & 11:00 p.m.**

"The light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it." As we celebrate the birth of Christ, the true light, our lives are enlightened, and our hearts are set aflame. This Christmas Eve, as we gather for worship, we are reminded through candlelight services that as disciples we have been given this light and bear it to the world. Join us this holy night as we hear scripture read and proclaimed, and sing carols and hymns that bring to mind God's precious gift to us in Christ.

This year we will be offering four opportunities for Christmas Eve Worship:

- + 4:00 p.m. - Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- + 4:30 p.m. - Contemporary Worship Service in Celebration Center
- + 7:00 p.m. - Traditional Worship Service with Communion in Sanctuary
- + 11:00 p.m. - Traditional Worship Service with Communion in Sanctuary

The van will run for the 4:00 p.m. service.

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**Traditional Worship Services:**  
Saturday, 6:00 p.m. • Sunday, 8:25 a.m.

**Contemporary Worship Service:** Sunday, 10:35 a.m.  
**Educational Hour:** 9:30 a.m.  
**Radio:** 1230 AM - 11:00 a.m.

**Telecast for GSV Residents:** Ch. 3 - Sun. 6:00 pm; Wed. 12:30 p.m.

### **Service of Music – December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Prelude – The Handbell**      "Come, O Long Awaited Savior"

#### **Announcements**

*(Visitors are encouraged to sign our guest book)*

#### **Peace**

*L: The peace of Christ be with you always.  
C: And also with you.*

#### **Confession**

*L: Merciful God, always with us, always coming:  
C: We confess that we do not know how to prepare for your Advent. We have forgotten how to hope in miracles; we have ignored the promise of your kingdom; we get distracted by all the busyness of this season. Forgive us, God. Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds, the intelligent courage of the Magi, and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph, that we may journey with them to Bethlehem and find the good news of a child born for us. Now, in the quiet of our hearts, we ask you to make us ready for his coming. Amen.*

#### **Advent Candle Lighting**

*L: During Advent we wait for the coming Savior who is our Mighty God.  
C: You are mighty, O Lord, and your faithfulness endures forever.  
L: We look to the One in whom we find redemption.  
C: You are mighty, O Lord, and your faithfulness endures forever.  
L: We look to the one who forgives our sins.  
C: You are mighty, O Lord, and your faithfulness endures forever.  
L: We look to the One who overcomes the darkness.  
C: You are mighty, O Lord, and your faithfulness endures forever.  
L: We look to the One who has come to set us free.  
C: You are mighty, O Lord, and your faithfulness endures forever.*

Congregation: JOEL RANEY

**Prayer of the Day**

L: Gracious Lord, remind us of your power throughout this Advent Season. In times of weakness, remind us that you are the One who gives strength. In times of confusion, remind us that you are the One who reveals truth. In times of doubt, remind us that you are the One who gives hope. We thank you for being our Mighty God. We pray this in the name of Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Hymn No.290 "Go Tell it on the Mountain"

Prayers of the Church

Offering by The Handbells "Emmanuel, El Shaddai"

**A CEREMONY OF LESSONS AND CAROLS**

Processional Carols and Bidding Prayer

Chancel Choir "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"  
"Once in Royal David's City"

**First Lesson and Carols**

Reader  
Chancel Choir "Sans Day Carol"

**Second Lesson and Carols**

Reader  
Chancel Choir "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

**Congregation & Chancel Choir**

**"Angels from the Realms of Glory"**

Angels, from the realms of glory,  
wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation's story,  
now proclaim Messiah's birth  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn king.

(interlude)

All creation, join in praising  
God, the Father, Spirit, Son,  
evermore your voices raising  
to the eternal Three in One.  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn king.

**Third Lesson and Carols**

Reader  
Chancel Choir "See Amid the Winter's Snow"

**Fourth Lesson and Carols**

Chancel Choir & Ruth Jeremias

Reader "Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Congregation & Choirs "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace!  
Hail the Sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
ris'n with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
born that we no more may die,  
born to raise each child of earth,  
born to give us second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
Glory to the newborn King!

**Fifth Lesson and Carols**

Reader  
Chancel Choir & Congregation "What Child Is This?"

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" to the tune of "Forrest Green"

For Christ is born of Mary and gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep the angels keep their watch  
of wondering love.  
O morning stars together proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the King and peace to all on earth.

**Sixth Lesson and Carols**

Reader  
Chancel Choir "Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine"

**Congregation & Choirs**

**"Good Christians All, Rejoice!"**

Good Christians all, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voices.  
Now ye hear of endless bliss:  
Joy! Joy! Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He hath opened heaven's door,  
and we are blest forevermore.  
Christ was born for this!  
Christ was born for this!

**Seventh Lesson and Carols**

Reader

Chancel Choir

**"Sing We Now of Christmas"**

**Congregation & Choirs**

**"The First Noel"**

The first Noel the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay.  
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel!

**Eighth Lesson and Carols with Closing Blessing**

Reader

**Congregation & Choirs**

**"O Come All Ye Faithful"**

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant.  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!  
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels!  
O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Chancel Choir

**"Silent Night, Holy Night"**

**Congregation & Choirs**

**"Joy to the World"**

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns.  
Let us our songs employ!  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy!

Reader

Benediction

Dismissal

L: Go in peace

C: Thanks be to God

Postlude – The Handbells "Angels From the Realms of Glory"

Guest Accompanist – Julie Maaske